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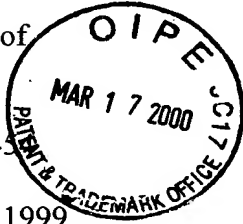
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby makes of record the references set out on the attached form PTO-1449.

A copy of each reference is enclosed.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, and Applicant reserves the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish otherwise. Moreover, Applicant does not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any portion of any reference is relevant.

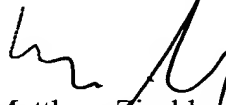
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Examiner and that the references be made of record and appear among the "References Cited"
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